

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A food product comprising a gelled water-based shell and a liquid ~~centre characterized in that~~ center wherein the water-based shell comprises ~~contains~~ a mixture of kappa carrageenan and iota carrageenan in an amount sufficient to provide a gel texture, the relative proportions of kappa carrageenan and iota carrageenan being 60 to 90% by weight kappa carrageenan and 10 to 40% by weight iota carrageenan based on the sum of the weights of kappa and iota carrageenan.

Claim 2 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in claim 1 wherein the shell contains, on a dry substance basis, 1.5% to 5% by weight of ~~the mixture of~~ kappa and iota carrageenans.

Claim 3 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in claim 1 wherein the shell contains, on a dry substance basis, 1.7% to 4% by weight of ~~the mixture of~~ kappa and iota carrageenans.

Claim 4 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in claim 1 wherein the shell contains, on a dry substance basis, 2% to 2.5% by weight of ~~the mixture of~~ kappa and iota carrageenans.

Claim 5 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 4 wherein the mixture of kappa and iota carrageenans contains 65 to 90% kappa and 10 to 35% iota based on the total weight of kappa and iota.

Claim 6 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 6 wherein the mixture of kappa and iota carrageenans contains 70 to 85% kappa and 15 to 30% iota based on the total weight of kappa and iota.

Claim 7 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 6 wherein the shell is formed of a composition comprising in addition to ~~the blend of~~ kappa and iota carrageenan, water and at least one or more sweeteners.

Claim 8 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in claim 7 wherein the ~~sweetener is~~ sweetener is selected from the group consisting of a sugar, a sugar syrup, corn syrup, ~~or a sugar substitute or~~ and an artificial sweetener.

Claim 9 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in claim 7 ~~or 8~~ wherein the sweetener is present in an amount of 45 to 88% of the shell.

Claim 10 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in claim 7 ~~or 8~~ wherein the sweetener is present in an amount of 72 to 83% of the shell.

Claim 11 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 10 wherein the composition forming the shell also contains ~~acid~~ at least one of an acidity regulator and/or ~~colourant~~ a colorant.

Claim 12 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 11 wherein the solids content of the shell is 50 to 90% by weight.

Claim 13 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 11 wherein the solids content of the shell is 60 to 85% by weight.

Claim 14 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 11 wherein the solids content of the shell is 75 to 85% by weight.

Claim 15 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 14 wherein a 3.5mm thick slice of the shell has an optical density of 0.2 or less.

Claim 16 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 14 ~~where~~ wherein a 3.5mm thick slice of the shell has an optical density of 0.1 or less.

Claim 17 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 16 wherein the liquid ~~centre~~ center is a fat based composition.

Claim 18 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in claim 17 wherein the liquid ~~centre~~ center is a flavoured oil or chocolate.

Claim 19 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 18 wherein the liquid ~~centre~~ center contains water and sweetener.

Claim 20 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in claim 19 wherein the sweetener is selected from the group consisting of a sugar, a sugar syrup, corn syrup, ~~or~~ a sugar substitute ~~or~~ and an artificial sweetener.

Claim 21 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in claim 20 wherein the liquid ~~centre~~ center includes an ingredient selected from the group consisting of ~~contains~~ colour, flavour, acid and ~~or one or~~ more functional ingredients.

Claim 22 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in claim 21 wherein the liquid ~~centre~~ center includes an ingredient selected from the group consisting of ~~contains at least one of~~ minerals, vitamins and herbs.

Claim 23 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 22 wherein the water content of the liquid centre is from 10 to 30% by weight and the sweetener content is from 70 to 90% by weight.

Claim 24 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 23 wherein the viscosity of the liquid ~~centre~~ center is in the range from 0.01 to 10,000 Pas.

Claim 25 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 24 wherein the shell has a thickness of 1mm to 10mm.

Claim 26 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 24 wherein the shell has a thickness of 2mm to 7.5mm.

Claim 27 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 24 wherein the shell has a thickness of 2.5mm to 5mm.

Claim 28 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 27 wherein the liquid filling comprises 5 to 90% of the product.

Claim 29 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 27 wherein the liquid filling comprises 7 to 30% of the product.

Claim 30 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 27 wherein the liquid filling comprises 10 to 25% of the product.

Claim 31 (currently amended) A food product as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 30 which is gelatin free.

Claim 32 (currently amended) A process for the manufacture of a food product comprising a gelled water-based shell and a liquid center wherein the water-based shell comprises a mixture of kappa carrageenan and iota carrageenan in an amount sufficient to provide a gel texture, the relative proportions of kappa carrageenan and iota carrageenan being 60 to 90% by weight kappa carrageenan and 10 to 40% by weight iota carrageenan based on the sum of the weights of kappa and iota carrageenan as claimed in any of claims 1 to 31, which comprises the steps of introducing the water-based shell composition in liquid form and the liquid ~~centre~~ center into a mould so that the shell surrounds the ~~centre~~ center and gelling the shell.

Claim 33 (original) A process as claimed in claim 32 wherein the components are introduced into starch moulds.

Claim 34 (currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 32 ~~or 33~~ wherein the water-based shell composition in liquid form and the liquid centre are introduced into a mould using an apparatus which provides a co-axial deposit, initially depositing shell, then introducing a flow of filling co-axially with the shell material and finishing with just shell.